



PATENT APPLICATION

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COMMUNICATION ROUTING

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## RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of 11/17/2003, Applicant submits the following:

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

DO NOT ENTER (Examiner) P.J.L.

Claims 1-34 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has allowed claims 8-14 and 24-30. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-7, 15, 16, 18-23, 31, 32, and 34. The Examiner has objected to claims 17 and 33. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of pending claims 1-7, 15-23, and 31-34.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 7, 15, 18, 19, 23, 31, and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Civanlar et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,078,963). Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant submits that the cited portions of Civanlar et al. fail to disclose the claimed invention as set forth in claims 1-4, 7, 15, 18, 19, 23, 31, and 34. For example, Applicant can find no evidence of "identifying the plurality of forwarding engines based on the registration information" in the cited portions of Civanlar et al. In fact, Applicant cannot find any assertion of Civanlar et al. teaching such step in paragraph 3 of the Office action.

As another example, Applicant can find no evidence of "generating at least one specific forwarding table for the at least one corresponding forwarding engine of the plurality of forwarding